House Resolution No. 3096

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Marjorie Marie Booker, who passed to her eternal reward on May 19, 2003; and

Whereas, Marjorie Marie Booker came into this world in East Carondelet, Illinois, on December 10, as the twelfth of thirteen children born to proud and loving parents Hugh Little and Annie Laurel Loveless Little, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Marjorie accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at an early age and continued to glorify His name throughout her long and meaningful life, which she lived to the fullest surrounded by her many friends and family members, all of whom were touched by her vibrant personality, quick wit, wisdom, charm, and keen sense of humor; and

Whereas, Marjorie attended public school in East St. Louis, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, and embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Wardell Booker, Jr., a kind and caring gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his departure from this world; and

Whereas, lovingly referred to as "Mama", Marjorie Booker lived her life through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives, and friends alike, and derived a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from caring for others and offering advice when asked, striving to make her kitchen a warm and inviting place that was comfortable for all; and

Whereas, preceded in death by her husband and her parents, Marjorie Booker leaves behind to cherish her memory her ten children, Laurel Martin, Vicki Bryant, Karla Booker, Gregory Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Gary Booker, Derek Booker, Alex Booker, Wardell Booker III, and Anthony "Tony" Johnson, who worked on the dais for the Missouri House of Representatives for two legislative sessions; her son-in-law, Charles Martin; her four daughters-in-law, Lynne Johnson, Gloria Booker, Fernanda Booker, and Lillian Booker; her fifteen grandchildren; her four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Marjorie Booker, a remarkable woman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Marjorie Marie Booker, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _

Representative Melba J. Curls District No. 41 Joined by Members of the Black Legislative Caucus

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3096, adopted May 23, 2003.